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Haiku Of Surrender Answer Key

Sample Responses

Identified Theme: *True peace comes when we stop trying to control everything and learn to accept change.*

Sample Haiku (5-7-5):

*Waves erase my plans,
Still, the sun feels warm and kind—
I build, then let go.*

Sample Reflection: Ella learns that holding on too tightly brings stress, while letting go allows freedom and joy. The ocean represents life's constant changes, and peace comes from accepting that we can't stop every wave.

Teaching Tips:

- During reading, guide students with questions like:
 - “What lesson does Ella learn by the end?”
 - “How does her attitude change after the wave washes away her work?”
- Emphasize that the haiku should express the **meaning**, not retell the events.

Extension Ideas:

- Have students write multiple haikus with different tones: calm, reflective, or hopeful.
- Combine art and writing: draw a sandcastle and waves, then place the haiku underneath.
- Link the activity to mindfulness by discussing real-life moments when letting go brought peace or clarity.